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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Roland Cäsar et al

Title: RECIPROCATING PISTON MACHINE WITH A DRIVER

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

What is considered to be the closest reference, that is, DE 197 49 727, which is assigned to the assignees of the present application, has been discussed in detail in the introductory part of the application.

The references do not disclose that in a reciprocating-piston machine, in particular a refrigerant compressor for a motor vehicle air-conditioning system, comprising a machine shaft rotatably supported in a housing with a plurality of pistons arranged circularly around the machine shaft and an annular pivoting disc extending around, and being driven by, the machine shaft, wherein the annular pivoting disc

engages the pistons via a joint arrangement disposed on a driver extending from the shaft for transmitting shaft drive forces to the pistons, the annular pivoting disc being supported by a sliding body mounted on a shaft and being pivotable about a hinge axis oriented transversely to the machine shaft, the joint arrangement of the driver is located outside a main center-plane, which extends perpendicularly to the hinge axis and through the axis of rotation of the machine shaft.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,



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